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**Louisiana Crop Progress and Condition Report**



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**Week Ending May 4, 2014**

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According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service in Louisiana, there were 6.3 days suitable for fieldwork for the **week ending Sunday, May 4, 2014**. Topsoil moisture supplies were 8 percent very short, 27 percent short, 53 percent adequate, and 12 percent surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies were 2 percent very short, 21 percent short, 64 percent adequate, and 13 percent surplus. Low temperatures ranged from 45.9 degrees Fahrenheit at Homer to 67.3 degrees Fahrenheit at Grand Isle. High temperatures ranged from 75.3 degrees Fahrenheit at Tallulah to 84.7 degrees Fahrenheit at Hodges Gardens. The precipitation for this week was minimal throughout the state, with the highest concentration in the northeast.

**Crop progress for week ending May 4, 2014**

Crop	This week	Last week	Last year	5-year average
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Corn, planted	99	98	100	100
Corn, emerged	95	93	100	100
Cotton, planted	47	17	14	54
Cotton, emerged	26	6	0	16
Hay, harvested	20	10	16	33
Rice, planted	93	87	92	92
Rice, emerged	83	71	82	81
Sorghum, planted	96	93	80	82
Sorghum, emerged	79	72	69	58
Soybeans, planted	69	55	37	48
Soybeans, emerged	31	24	18	24
Winter Wheat, headed	93	89	97	99
Winter Wheat, coloring	19	-	30	60

**Crop condition for week ending May 4, 2014**

Item	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Corn	0	7	46	46	1
Livestock	1	9	37	48	5
Pasture	0	13	39	44	4
Rice	0	1	22	64	13
Sorghum	0	5	50	45	0
Sugarcane	6	16	45	26	7
Vegetables	1	10	43	43	3
Winter Wheat	0	3	45	51	1

**Comments**

“Warmer soil temperatures have resulted in an increase in soybeans and cotton planting.”

– Richard Letlow, Ouachita

“Soybeans ground all planted except what will go behind wheat. Fields drying up could use some moisture. Several farmers plowed out some low potential cane ground.”

–Steve Borel, West Baton Rouge

“Good field progress made both by crop farmers and cattle/hay producers in recent weeks with dry weather. Getting very dry and now rain is needed. ”

–Stanley J Dutile, Lafayette

“The fields are starting to get very dry, we are in need of rain. Rice producers having to flush many fields and many are going to permanent flood. Rice crop is off to a good start.”

– Frances Guidry, Jefferson Davis

“Some fields are drying out, making some soybean growers wait to continue planting. Dry conditions are also slowing summer pasture development making some growers short on grazing. Cane growers are consulting with crop adjusters and are plowing out some poor stands of stubble not returning due to winter injury. Cane growers are 75% finished putting out fertilizer and in a couple of weeks will start making layby herbicide applications. The crawfish harvest continues to improve. The rice crops look good but at this point to be a couple of weeks behind average stage of growth for this time of year.”

–Stuart Gauthier, St Martin

“Continued dry field conditions are delaying soybeans and cotton planting. Most producers are now just waiting.”

–Donna Morgan, Rapides

Louisiana Weather Summary for Week Ending May 4, 2014										
Division/Station	Air Temperature					Precipitation				
	Max	Min	Avg	Norm	DFN	One Week	Rain Days	DFN	Four Weeks	Four Weeks DFN
<b>Northwest</b>										
Minden	77.9	48.6	63.2	67.6	-4.4	0.28	1	-0.90	4.50	-0.17
Mooringsport	77.3	51.8	64.6	68.6	-3.8	0.00	1	-0.74	2.95	-0.29
Red River	79.9	51.1	65.5	69.3	-3.8	0.10	NA	-1.00	1.82	-2.50
Shreveport	78.9	49.3	64.1	68.4	-4.3	0.17	0	-1.09	2.46	-1.92
Extreme/Average	78.5	50.2	64.3	68.5	-4.1	0.14	1	-0.93	2.93	-1.22
<b>North Central</b>										
Calhoun	77.3	49.3	63.3	66.9	-3.6	1.25	2	0.08	6.09	1.80
Farmerville	78.6	51.4	65.0	68.8	-3.8	0.09	1	-1.11	5.95	1.61
Homer	76.7	45.9	61.3	66.0	-4.7	0.26	2	-0.95	3.63	1.65
Extreme/Average	77.5	48.9	63.2	67.2	-4.0	0.53	2	-0.66	5.22	1.69
<b>Northeast</b>										
Lake Providence	76.6	53.4	65.0	68.7	-3.7	2.05	2	0.97	13.44	11.07
St Joseph	78.6	55.2	66.9	70.2	-3.0	0.48	1	-0.22	3.87	0.38
Tallulah	75.3	51.0	63.2	69.0	-6.0	0.35	1	-0.57	6.81	3.22
Winnsboro	NA	NA	NA	69.7	NA	NA	NA	NA	3.98	0.57
Extreme/Average	76.8	53.2	65.0	69.4	-4.2	0.96	2	0.06	7.02	3.81
<b>West Central</b>										
Ashland	78.4	46.6	62.5	67.9	-5.4	0.77	1	-0.30	4.57	0.46
Hodges Gardens	84.7	60.7	72.7	69.7	3.5	0.00	1	-0.43	2.85	-0.45
Leesville	81.2	47.0	64.1	69.1	-5.2	NA	1	-0.82	2.79	-0.86
Natchitoches	78.1	53.7	65.9	71.0	-5.0	1.00	0	-0.14	3.61	-0.62
Extreme/Average	80.6	52.0	66.3	69.4	-3.0	0.59	1	-0.42	3.46	-0.37
<b>Central</b>										
Alexandria	80.7	55.7	68.2	70.5	-2.3	0.00	0	-0.86	3.09	-0.94
Bunkie	79.7	56.8	68.3	70.9	-2.5	0.00	0	-0.97	2.02	-2.24
Eunice	82.7	59.8	72.7	72.5	0.3	0.00	1	-1.08	1.71	-2.08
Jonesville Locks	80.7	52.7	66.7	70.3	-3.6	0.60	0	-0.30	3.48	-0.27
New Roads	81.0	57.3	69.1	71.3	-2.2	0.01	0	-1.02	1.80	-2.36
Extreme/Average	81.0	56.5	69.0	71.1	-2.0	0.12	1	-0.85	2.42	-1.58
<b>East Central</b>										
Baton Rouge	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	0.02	2	-1.08	2.73	-0.88
Hammond	79.3	56.4	67.9	70.1	-2.3	0.09	1	-0.89	5.32	0.90
Norwood	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	0.25	1	NA	3.53	NA
Slidell	77.7	59.9	68.8	NA	NA	0.45	2	NA	4.32	NA
Extreme/Average	78.5	58.1	68.3	70.1	-2.3	0.20	2	-0.99	3.98	0.01
<b>Southwest</b>										
Crowley	79.7	61.3	71.2	71.9	-0.8	0.00	0	-1.08	0.50	-3.43
DeRidder	81.7	57.0	70.3	70.4	-0.1	NA	2	-1.06	2.19	-1.88
Jennings	81.0	59.6	70.3	71.6	-1.3	0.00	0	-0.91	0.69	-2.77
Oberlin Fire	79.6	56.0	67.8	71.0	-3.2	0.00	0	-1.09	0.98	-3.19
Extreme/Average	80.5	58.5	69.9	71.2	-1.3	0.00	2	-1.04	1.09	-2.82
<b>South Central</b>										
Donaldsonville	78.1	59.3	68.7	71.2	-2.5	0.11	0	-0.80	2.62	-1.33
Jeanerette	78.0	58.4	68.2	71.8	-3.6	0.00	2	-0.92	4.90	1.14
Lafayette	81.0	59.7	70.3	71.2	-0.8	0.30	3	-0.49	3.35	-0.35
Morgan City	78.6	61.1	69.9	71.9	-2.0	0.10	0	-0.76	3.82	0.75
Extreme/Average	78.9	59.6	69.3	71.5	-2.2	0.13	3	-0.74	3.67	0.05
<b>Southeast</b>										
Galliano	78.6	65.9	72.2	71.9	0.3	0.41	3	-0.32	3.07	0.70
Gonzales	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	0.10	3	-0.84	3.10	-1.20
Grand Isle	78.3	67.3	72.8	NA	NA	0.77	1	0.24	2.92	0.29
New Orleans	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	0.03	NA	NA	2.25	NA
Extreme/Average	78.4	66.6	72.5	71.9	0.3	0.33	3	-0.31	2.83	-0.07
<b>State</b>	79.1	56.3	67.8	70.2	-2.4	0.31	1	-0.68	3.41	-0.27

DFN = Departure from Normal.  
NA = Not Available.